



OUTBREAK STATUS REPORT

Middlesex-London Health Unit

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Active

Premise	Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Date Resolved	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2	Pathogen 3
Henley Place LTC Residence	Respiratory	Oct 31, 2020	Harris, Medway		COVID-19		
Chartwell Royalcliffe Retirement Residence	Respiratory	Oct 26, 2020	Entire facility		COVID-19		
Strathmere Lodge	Respiratory	Oct 23, 2020	Bear Creek, Arbor Glen, Parkview Place		COVID-19		

Declared Over

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Oakcrossing Retirement Living	Respiratory	Oct 18, 2020	1st, 3rd, and 4th floors	Nov 2, 2020	COVID-19		
Country Terrace	Respiratory	Oct 25, 2020	Nottingham	Nov 1, 2020	Rhinovirus		
Chartwell London	Respiratory	Oct 15, 2020	Long Term Care - Entire facility	Oct 31, 2020	COVID-19		
Westmount Gardens	Respiratory	Oct 16, 2020	Lily	Oct 29, 2020	COVID-19		
Craigwiel Gardens	Respiratory	Oct 10, 2020	LTC home only, not apartments	Oct 29, 2020	COVID-19		

This information is to be used as a guide and is intended to help you prevent infections and outbreaks in your facility. The decision regarding who can work at a facility rests with that facility, but should take into account the need for adequate staffing levels and the risk of infection from staff working at multiple facilities. For more information please visit <https://www.healthunit.com/outbreak-resources>

Enteric Outbreaks

- Staff members/volunteers from facilities in outbreak should not work at your facility until at least 48 hours have elapsed since they last worked at the affected facility. This period can be modified if the causative agent is known.
- Staff members/volunteers who are experiencing gastrointestinal illness should not work at any facility until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours. Good hand hygiene should be reinforced with returning staff members/volunteers.
- Staff should change to a clean uniform between facilities and before leaving the affected facility.

(Source: **Control of Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in Long-Term Care Homes: A Guide for Long-Term Care Homes and Public Health Unit Staff, 2013**). <https://www.healthunit.com/outbreak-resources>

Clostridium difficile Outbreaks

- Provided that all required infection control practices are in place, staff can work at both affected and unaffected facilities without restrictions.

Residents/patients with suspected or confirmed *Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea (CDAD) can be transferred within the health care system; however, the receiving facility must be notified and be able to comply with the recommended infection control precautions. *Clostridium difficile* is suspected in a resident/patient who develops diarrhea and has been in a facility experiencing a *Clostridium difficile* outbreak. Initiate Isolation rapidly and stool samples should be collected. (Source: **Annex C: Testing, Surveillance and Management of Clostridium difficile In All Health Care Settings, January 2013**).

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Respiratory Outbreaks (non-influenza)

- Staff members/volunteers from facilities in outbreak should not work at your facility until at least 72 hours have elapsed since they last worked at the affected facility. For outbreaks attributable to Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Parainfluenza virus, Human metapneumovirus, and Adenovirus consider lengthening this time period to 5 days.

Staff members/volunteers who are experiencing respiratory symptoms should not work at any facility until 5 days from onset of symptoms or until symptoms have resolved. For outbreaks attributable to RSV, lengthen this time period to 8 days. Good hand hygiene should be reinforced with returning staff members/volunteers. (Source: **A Guide to the Control of Respiratory Infection Outbreak in Long-Term Care Homes, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, November, 2015**). http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/docs/resp_infectn_ctrl_guide_ltc_2015_en.pdf

Influenza Outbreaks

- The Health Unit recommends that you ask non-immunized staff/volunteers who are from facilities in outbreak, and who are not on an appropriate antiviral drug, to refrain from working at your facility until it has been at least 72 hours since they last worked at the affected facility.
- Staff members/volunteers who are experiencing respiratory/ influenza symptoms should not work at any facility until 5 days from onset of symptoms or until symptoms have resolved, whichever time period is shorter. Good hand hygiene should be reinforced with returning staff members/volunteers.

(Source: **A Guide to the Control of Respiratory Infection Outbreak in Long-Term Care Homes, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, November, 2015**). http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/docs/resp_infectn_ctrl_guide_ltc_2015_en.pdf